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State Librarian of California,  
Susan Hildreth

## Update from the State Librarian

After a very hectic fall, December was a bit quieter for me. Early in the month, I was honored to join Yolo County Library staff at their retirement party for County Librarian Mary Stephens. Mary, my first "boss" in California, has been a great role model and mentor for me. After 37 years of dedicated service to Yolo County, she deserves a relaxing and enjoyable retirement with her new husband Les. On December 2nd I attended the grand opening of the Manor Branch in San Leandro. This light-filled building in a dense, urban setting is a jewel for its diverse bay area neighborhood. On December 5th, California State Library (CSL) staff participated in the

orientation for new Assembly members by hosting a lovely lunch in Gillis Hall, the main reading room in Library and Courts I. Although we did not lobby for library issues, Special Collections Curator Gary Kurutz provided an entertaining history of the State Legislature and the CSL.

Mid-month, I traveled to Washington for the December 10th - 11th National Library Agenda brainstorming. Under the leadership of American Library Association President Leslie Burger, attendees represented all types of libraries, library interests, and major library partners. At the brainstorming, we developed key themes on library roles and services that libraries can tailor to their various settings. You can find more information on this topic by visiting <http://wikis.ala.org>.

I presented my quarterly State Librarian webcast on December 12th and I've received excellent feedback from folks statewide. I really enjoy presenting information on the web that our library community finds valuable and interesting! If you missed the live webcast, please check the archived version at <http://infopeople.org>.

Just before the holidays, I attended the December 14th grand opening of the Fairfield-Cordelia Branch Library in Solano County. This building was planned for the convenience of the customers and is in a great location in a suburban commercial center. I had a great holiday in New York City with my daughters, but I'm sorry to say we did not have a white Christmas.

My 2007 got off to an exciting start when I had the honor of attending Governor



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Schwarzenegger's inauguration on January 5th. Unfortunately, because of a holiday skiing accident, the Governor had to take the stage in the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium on crutches. I know that he does not like being seen publicly on crutches; and, as soon as he walked on stage, his sons ran up and took charge of the crutches. It was fun to see my San Francisco "boss," former Assembly Speaker and Mayor Willie Brown, perform as master of ceremonies for the event. My "celebrity sightings" that star-studded day included Tom Arnold and Rob Lowe!

While attending the American Library Association [Midwinter meeting](#) in Seattle, my duties as president of the Public Library Association did not leave me much time to sightsee in the great host city of Seattle. But I was lucky to go to several sessions at the [Seattle Public Library](#), a facility that impressed me tremendously. Please be sure to include a tour of Seattle's library on your next trip to the northwest.

In late January I attended two excellent symposiums in Sacramento. On the 26th the California State University at Sacramento (CSUS) sponsored [Visions of Change: Academic Libraries in Transition](#). I enjoyed listening to many presenters including R. Bruce Miller, the founding University Librarian at the University of California Merced, who, in a talk called, "...what they will be," (from the University Library's motto), gave a first-hand glimpse at the work involved in launching a new university library. The *Visions for Change* speakers showed audience members that academic libraries face challenges similar to those of public libraries. On January 30th, the California Arts Council held its 2007 statewide [conference](#) of arts educators, *Reflecting ~ Reframing ~ Responding*. At the conference, I was lucky to hear keynote speaker Dana Gioia, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), a native Californian, and a big library supporter. Gioia has reinvented the NEA and is making great strides in supporting all kinds of arts programming in this nation. One can see Gioia's efforts on behalf of our libraries in the [Big Read](#) and other literary initiatives.

I started off February with a trip to Los Angeles and the opening of the Harbor Gateway Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library. Harbor Gateway is a green building that will make a huge difference in a community that addresses gang violence on a daily basis. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa attended the event and remained through the entire opening ceremonies - he is clearly a great library supporter!

February has two holidays for state employees, but I worked on both days! On February 12th, Lincoln's Birthday, CSL technology consultant Rush Brandis and I traveled to San Mateo to meet with representatives from CENIC, California's high-speed education network, and the American Library Association's Office of Information Technology Policy. We hope that CENIC may consider including public libraries in this broadband network and hopefully we can partner on several demonstration projects to see how that would work. I was happy to spend February 19th, President's Day, at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs attending the SirsiDynix Executive Institute. The Institute offered a number of exciting speakers including Lee Rainie, Director, Pew Internet and American Library Project; Helene Blowers, Technology Director from Charlotte and Mecklenburg County Library who developed great Web 2.0 training; and Stephen Abram, SirsiDynix Vice President of Innovation and a hit speaker at last fall's California Library Association Conference.

I had a great trip to Lompoc on Friday, February 23 and met with the Black Gold Administrative Council in the morning, and the Lompoc Library Board of Trustees in the afternoon. I was on hand for the exciting ribbon cutting on Saturday February 24th at the beautiful library in Folsom, which has been planned for over 12 years. On February 26th and 27th, the CSL hosted a research team from the American Library Association Washington office who are investigating broadband connectivity for public libraries nationally, thanks to the support of the Gates Foundation. The team is visiting seven states and California was the first! As I write this column, I am off to the Public Library Association (PLA) Spring Symposium in San Jose. This marks the first time the event has left Chicago and we are proud that PLA chose California as their venue! Have a great spring.

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# State Spotlight: Cal/EPA Library offers research on environment

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA), the state agency charged with restoring, protecting and enhancing California's environment, and to ensuring the state's public health and economic vitality, has a library full of resources about our environment. The [library](#) is open to the public, and Cal/EPA staff will try to fill interlibrary loan requests from public libraries.

The Cal/EPA library combines the libraries of the Air Resources Board, Integrated Waste Management Board, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, agencies that joined when they all moved into the magnificent Cal/EPA building in downtown Sacramento in the late nineteen-nineties.

## Cal/EPA collection

Because Cal/EPA's collection reflects subject interests of the Air Resources Board, Integrated Waste Management Board and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, it addresses everything from air pollution to recycling to hazardous waste. Under such headings as *Scientific literature*, *Legal Research*, *Business/Industries and Maps*, customers will find over 200 journals dating back to the 1960's, 100-150 active subscriptions, and over 20 thousand hard copy reports and texts, many of which professional Cal/EPA staff has written.

The Air Resources Board (ARB), a national leader in air pollution sciences, has a large [collection](#) comprised largely of reports concerned with air pollution and atmospheric science, a field that addresses not just automobile exhaust but how power plants, tobacco smoke, perfume, and even air purifiers can compromise California's air resources.

## Cal/EPA Library team proud of customer service



Indigenous landscaping at Cal/EPA entrance.

laboratories and in the field, so they rely on the Cal/EPA library for what Hoffman calls their "bibliographic needs." "We search the literature for them and track down books and journals in their field," he says.

Hoffman's staff includes Department of Toxic Substances Control Librarian Marianne



New Cal/EPA building in Sacramento.

Cal/EPA's Supervising Librarian, John Hoffman, a librarian since 1987, says that like many people who work at Cal/EPA, he has always had an interest in protecting California's natural resources. "I backpack the Sierras and the Lost Coast and I want to see incredible ecosystems like those protected and safe. The work we do at the Cal/EPA library supports California's scientists and researchers in their efforts on behalf of California's environment," Hoffman says.

Cal/EPA's engineers and scientists do much of their research in universities,





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# California History collection highlighted in prominent publications

As they do with many libraries with regional history collections, writers, publishers, and producers regularly turn to the California State Library (CSL) for photographic gems to stunningly illustrate their projects. In just the past year 230 of the historical images housed in the CSL's California History section have found their way into deluxe "coffee table" books, historical documentaries, textbooks, and more.



Mt. Broderick and Nevada Falls, Yosemite Valley, Mammoth plate albenen photograph featured in *Art of an American Icon: Yosemite*, [Watkins, Carleton E. ca. 1865]

CSL photos were showcased in items like *Art of an American Icon: Yosemite* published jointly by the University of California Press and Autry National Center. The book includes a chapter by CSL Special Collections Curator Gary F. Kurutz on pioneer photography in the great valley. And many CSL images were selected to illustrate the book.

Windgate Press of Sausalito has made

extensive use of the CSL's rich pictorial resources to publish such elegant books as *The Architectural Terra Cotta of Gladding McBean*; *California Calls You: The Art of Promoting the Golden State*; *A Southern California Album: Selected Photographs, 1880-1920*; and *Mt. Shasta Camera: The Photographs of Charles R. Miller*. All of these award-winning titles were based primarily on CSL collections. Presently, the Windgate Press is producing a book on art deco architecture in Southern California. The CSL's Mott Studios Collection is the primary resource for what promises to be a spectacular volume.

## Photos of diverse Californians most popular

According to Kathy Correia, the CSL supervising librarian who handles many CSL

photo requests, California History's most requested items are daguerreotypes of Gold Rush miners, such as the 1852 image of people in Auburn ravine. Correia says the daguerreotypes are in great demand because they show ethnic diversity in the minefields (They also show a woman which is rare). Gary Kurutz explains, "Modern historians and writers have discovered the important contributions of



African American gold miner in Auburn Ravine, 1852 [Daguerreotype]



Gold Rush miners with woman in Auburn Ravine, 1852 [Daguerreotype]

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# New and renovated library openings around the state

## Bond Act Library Openings

### Dorris Library opens to serve Siskiyou community

Wednesday, November 15, 2006, was a special day in the City of Dorris because of the official opening of the new Dorris Library, a branch of the Siskiyou County Library. The new building is 3,300 square feet and is significantly larger than the previous library that was 400 square feet. New services include a Homework Center, a Toy Library, Spanish Language and bi-lingual Collections, and a Meeting Room all of which will be well used by the 886 residents in this sparsely populated high desert area in Northern California.

For complete details about the Dorris Library construction project, please visit their [page](#) on the California State Library website.



Dorris dignitaries at library opening: Ed Traverso, City of Dorris Mayor; Barry Shioshita, Siskiyou county Administrative Officer; Bill Overman, Siskiyou County Supervisor; Bob Edgar; Brian Edgar; Ashley McKay, Valerie Van Scoyoc; Millie Porter; Pat Harper, former Siskiyou County Librarian. [Photo courtesy City of Dorris]



Dorris Library ribbon cutting: Gayle Emmons, Butte Valley Branch Library Assistant; Curtis Purnell, California State Library; Marcus Lerch; Patricia Cacka-Williams; Flo Eddy, Butte Valley Friends of the Library, Barry Shioshita, Siskiyou County Administrative Officer. [Photo courtesy City of Dorris]

### Fairfield Cordelia Library opens in December

Fairfield Cordelia Library, a branch of the Solano County Library, was officially opened on Thursday, December 14, 2006. The new 15,600 square foot library includes a collection of 47,000 items, 40 public computers, 3 group study rooms, and 12 study carrels.

For complete details about the Fairfield Cordelia Library construction project, please visit their [page](#) on the CSL website.



Opening day crowds at the Fairfield Cordelia Library. [Photo courtesy Solano County Library]



Ribbon cutting event at the opening of the Fairfield Cordelia Library. Left to right: Simona Padilla Scholtens, County Auditor; Harry T. Price, City of Fairfield mayor; Assembly member Lois Wolk; Senator Mike Machado; Mayrene Bates, Solano County Office of Education Trustee; Dee Alarcon, Solano County Office of Education Superintendent; Susan Hildreth, California State Librarian. [Photo courtesy Solano County Library]

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# CRB partners with think tanks to educate Capitol policymakers

The California Research Bureau (CRB), the California State Library's own think tank, provides its clients – the Governor's Office, the Governor's cabinet, California legislators, other elected officials and their staff – with information and analysis on a broad range of issues. CRB publications range from confidential memos to [public reports](#) that customers can access on the California State Library website. CRB also consults on legislation and educates through policy seminars, and provides policymakers "up close and personal" learning experiences through environmental field trips.



Speakers at the PPIC presentation on Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta policy options. Left to right: Joe Grindstaff, Director, California Bay-Delta Authority; Alf Brandt, Assembly Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife; Dr. Jeff Mount, Geology Dept., UC Davis, and Chair, CALFED Independent Science Board; Dr. Jay Lund, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, UC Davis; Dr. Peter Moyle, Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology and Geology Departments, UC Davis, and Associate Director, UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences; Dr. Richard Howitt, Dept. Chair, Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Davis; Dr. Ellen Hanak, Director, PPIC Economy Program; and Dr. William Fleenor, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, UC Davis.

In addition to CRB, several other research organizations are publishing important work that impacts state policy about which California decision-makers should hear. The research organizations though, don't enjoy CRB's access to an audience that includes Governor's Office staff, agency and department staff, legislative consultants and advisors, legislative counsel members, Legislative Analyst's Office staff, [Little Hoover Commission](#) members, and other members of oversight agencies. As a result, CRB Director Dean Mischynski has entered into an "inter-policy" relationship with other research organizations or thinks tanks. CRB provides an entrée to the CRB audience and, in return, CRB's clients receive additional opportunities to become informed.

## How the think tank partnership works

Today, organizations such as the [Public Policy Institute of California](#) (PPIC) turn to the CRB to get the word out about their policy seminars and to provide space (magnificent Room 500 in the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building is a favorite among speakers) for those events. The think tanks also borrow CRB's successful seminar formula for busy staff: a noontime program with a free lunch (I have to eat so I might as well learn something while I do...).

To PPIC, one of CRB's long time partners, presenting research results "live" to influential audiences is key to its work. After PPIC conducts large-scale [public opinion surveys](#) on the social, economic, and political attitudes of Californians throughout the state, PPIC researchers regularly report on these survey results and election issues. PPIC's recent policy luncheons with CRB have included in-depth looks at the state's business climate, policy options on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and California's

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# Simplifying access to online government information and services: the California State Library teams up to develop a new state portal

The [California state portal](#), the online face of state government, has a new look and feel. Under the leadership and direction of California's State Information Officer, J. Clark Kelso, State and Consumer Services Agency Secretary Rosario Marin, and State Librarian Susan Hildreth, the California State Library (CSL) teamed up with several state agencies and departments to help with the redesign of the portal. The leadership team's vision was to recreate the state portal as a virtual "service center" that would cater to the customers' needs, not what the government thought those needs were.

## First steps: CRB Framework report and CSL team

In 2005, Kelso requested that the California Research Bureau (CRB) research and write a framework document, [Policy and Management Issues Framework – Statewide Portal Project](#), which was published in early 2005. A team of people from the CSL and a staff member on loan from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, researched issues, trends and standards in areas such as portal governance, design, development, funding, and security. The CSL team interviewed several state agencies to identify the "good" and the "bad" of the then current state portal. They spent hours researching what issues others in state and federal government faced in redesigning their portals, including an excellent presentation by the Canadian team that developed New Brunswick's well-received [portal](#). The CRB framework report acted as a guide for the next steps in the portal project.



Snapshot of new California State Portal.

## Next steps: CSL team forms IOUCA, larger working group of other state department reps

The CSL team's next assignment was to establish and lead a group that would research and recommend standards and best practices in portal design. The CSL team formed Information Organization, Usability, Currency, and Accessibility (IOUCA), a working group made up of members from several state departments including Department of Rehabilitation, Department of Health Services, Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Food and Agriculture, Employment Development Department, and many others. The IOUCA group's task was to write recommendations for standards that would help create a state portal through which customers would easily and quickly find what they needed or wanted. The three standards were:

- [Accessibility](#) (how to create a site that meets the legal standards for accessibility)
- [Usability](#) (how to make the site easy and intuitive for customers), and
- [Separating Presentation from Content](#) (how to change the look and feel of a site without having to re-code every page in the site).

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# Bringing homework help to California students

Despite teachers' good intentions, homework tends to be students' least favorite after-school activity. Not only are assignments often difficult to do, but sometimes kids are unable to get the homework assistance they need at home, prompting many of them to come to the library for help.

Luckily, the California State Library (CSL) recognizes this need and so has supported Live Homework Help—the online tutoring service provided by [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com)—for the past five years through Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. Last year alone, almost 72,000 tutoring sessions were transacted thanks to the CSL's program. Not surprisingly, the combined total number of questions about science (13,000 queries), English/grammar (12,000), and social studies (5,500) was far less than the number of math-related (41,000) tutoring sessions logged in. Although the service is available to kids grades 4 -12, as well as to college freshmen, most of the users come from high school (41%) and middle school (38%). However, students of all ages love the service. "My tutor, Ginger, was really helpful in outlining what my essay should look like," one 10th grader offered, while a younger student praised helpers Kalie and Sarah. "I feel very confident now," the 8th grader said.

To allow more libraries to participate in the program, State Librarian Susan Hildreth asked last year's library participants to pay at least 25% of this year's Live Homework Help subscription costs, freeing up LSTA monies to add more libraries in 2006/07. New participant libraries were determined through a competitive process that asked applicants to show strong evidence of student need as well as strategies for marketing and sustaining the program. Twenty-one public libraries were eventually invited on board, increasing the current number of participating jurisdictions to forty-six—plus the state librarian wants to add even more libraries next year. The process for applying to participate in 2007/08 will be announced by mid-March.

In addition to Live Homework Help, the CSL is piloting a second online tutoring service, called [Brainfuse](http://Brainfuse), which until now has been used exclusively by school districts. Similar to Live Homework Help, Brainfuse enables students to communicate one-on-one with tutors in real time, while also offering self-paced study modules by grade and subject. Students can also leave their homework with a tutor, who will then provide feedback within twenty-four hours. Brainfuse was launched at both the Palmdale and Santa Clara County libraries earlier this year. If the pilot is successful, then the CSL hopes to extend this service to other jurisdictions throughout California.

For further information about Live Homework Help or Brainfuse, please contact Library Programs Consultant Cindy Mediavilla at [cmediavilla@library.ca.gov](mailto:cmediavilla@library.ca.gov) or 310-915-8588.

## Field Feedback:

# The California State Library hears from you!

## CSL Connection "outstanding"

I just want to send you a note both thanking you and congratulating you on your outstanding publication—*CSL Connection*. As a trustee of our local library it is nice to be informed and updated on all the various aspects of library work throughout our state and to feel a part of the efforts of the State Librarian and her staff.

The table of contents makes it easy to find any article that would be of interest and the variety of subject matter makes this publication a good read for anyone—not just those in the library field. The color photographs and the historical content are particularly enticing!

If you have not already done so, please think about sending this publication to the national level for perusal and consideration. Again, thank you.

*Ruth M. Workman, Member, Board of Trustees  
Benicia Public Library*





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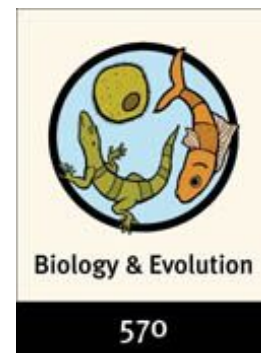
"Magic Tricks" pictogram

# Oakland Public Library's Dewey Pictograms

Oakland Public Library customers have an alternative way of searching Oakland's stacks – pictograms, reproducible colored images portraying collections within the Dewey Decimal Classification System, a scheme that can intimidate people who do not read well.

Pictograms represent subject areas library customers most often request. A cell, a fish, and a salamander comprise the pictogram for "Biology & Evolution." A rabbit popping out of a black top hat is the image for "Magic Tricks." [Oakland Public Library](#) has mounted 88 pictograms, along with the word in the subject area and the Dewey number in its bookshelves and at the end of shelving units. [Shelby Designs & Illustrates](#) in Oakland created the 88 images.

For people with learning disabilities, who make up 17 to 20% of the general population, pictograms not only help them navigate the Dewey Decimal System, the images also change the way these library customers view, and use, their local library. An excellent example of universal access, pictograms also make using the library easier for non-native speakers and adult learners.



"Biology & Evolution" pictogram

## California State Library collaborates on Oakland program

Oakland Public Library launched its pictograms program by collaborating with the [East Bay Learning Disabilities Association](#) and the California State Library (CSL) as part of the CSL's ongoing support of accessibility programs in California libraries. The CSL does this through funding from the Library Services and Technology Act.

The CSL awarded Oakland the \$33,000 grant in FY 2003/04 as part of a larger LSTA priority grant called "Public Library Services for People with Disabilities." The Oakland project was entitled "Awareness and Inclusion: Library Patrons with Learning Disabilities."

State Librarian of California Susan Hildreth says, "Oakland Public Library's pictogram project represents what California libraries are doing to make their facilities more accessible to customers with special needs. It's a great program and I'm proud that the California State Library was able to help."

## Customers "delighted" with pictograms

Lynne Cutler, Disability Services Advocate at the Oakland Public Library, comments that customers "express delight" at the pictograms.

Cutler says, "A mother and daughter said they wished other libraries had pictograms. A young man who has Asperger syndrome and has worked at our Information Desk for several years uses pictograms when he researches a reference question. Our [Children's](#) Librarian says that since they put the pictograms up, the children run straight to certain subjects, like dinosaurs." Cutler says that about 100 libraries (including 3 in Canada) and schools have asked about sharing Oakland's pictograms. The Oakland Unified School District has adopted pictograms and the Literacy Committee of the [American Library Association](#) (ALA) is considering standardizing pictograms and spreading their use.

Interested parties can [view and download the pictograms](#) for the Oakland project from the [California Library Literacy Services website](#) at <http://www.libraryliteracy.org/>.

For more information about the Oakland Public Library's pictogram program please contact Lynne Cutler at the Oakland Public Library at 510-238-4974 or email at [lcutler@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:lcutler@oaklandlibrary.org).

For more information about the California State Library's support of accessibility in California public libraries please contact Jacqueline Brinkley at (916) 651-0376 or email at [jbrinkley@library.ca.gov](mailto:jbrinkley@library.ca.gov).



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Bell Assay office in Bodie.  
[Photo courtesy Terri Gessinger]

# CCHE project: Bodie State Historic Park

[Bodie State Historic Park](#), California's official Gold Rush ghost town, sits on a high Mono County plain at the Nevada border. Some 250,000 visitors a year trek to the Bodie site to taste life as it might have been 150 years ago. According to state park officials, people from all over the world become addicted to Bodie's barren "wild west" mystique and come back to Bodie again and again.



Wheaton Hollis building in Bodie.  
[Photo courtesy Terri Gessinger]

Bodie's desolate environment has weakened Bodie's few standing buildings. For over a century they have endured not only the coldest winters in California but also frequent earthquakes from nearby Mammoth Mountain volcano. Though legislation requires Bodie's buildings remain in "arrested decay" (the condition in which the [Department of Parks and Recreation](#) received the site in 1962), the buildings still need to be stabilized - their roofs repaired, their floors and foundations shored.

Thanks in part to a \$275,000 grant from the [California Cultural and Historical Endowment](#) (CCHE), the buildings of this wilderness settlement will survive. The [Sierra State Parks Foundation](#) (SSPF), the organization that provides operational funds to maintain Sierra Districts State Parks including Bodie, applied for, and won, the state grant that is still being finalized. Since Bodie is both a California historic landmark, and a National historic site, the SSPF also received \$275,000 in matching funds through "Save America's Treasures," a federal grant through the National Park Service.

Susan Fitzgerald Reichert, SSPF Executive Director, explains that eight of Bodie's buildings, a mule barn, the Wheaton and Hollis Hotel, Standard Mine Assay Office, Sam Leon Barber Shop, Bell Assay Office, Tom Miller Stable and Ice House, Boone Store and the Reddy Residence, will receive crucial repairs with the grant funds. Because the [Federal Department of Interior](#) requires that preservation teams use traditional materials on historic structures whenever possible, the Bodie group, including an archeologist, will try to use construction materials (such as mortar from Bodie) that 19th century builders used.

## Bodie's history preserved

Author of Bodie's Gold and SSPF Vice President, Marguerite Sprague says although miners found small amounts of gold on the mesa in 1859, Bodie didn't boom to life until 1878 when a collapsed 120-foot mine shaft unearthed a dazzling gold vein to miners. Bodie's population of mostly men (only 10% were women) shot to more than 8,000 including 300 Chinese residents. Soon 450 businesses, from millinery shops to slaughterhouses to saloons, were thriving in the barren landscape. Bodie's water level - only 250 feet below the earth - ended Bodie's boom. Miners went broke paying to pump water out of the gold mines and left, quickly.

There is still gold in Bodie, and probably lots of it, but Bodie's value is even greater than its ore. Thanks to the [California Desert Protection Act of 1994](#) (which includes the Bodie Protection Act) no entity can mine this precious land that is home to California history. Now with help from CCHE funding, the buildings standing there will illustrate that history for many years to come.

For more information about the [California Cultural and Historic Endowment](#), please contact Executive Officer Diane Matsuda at (916) 651-8768 or email at [dmatsuda@library.ca.gov](mailto:dmatsuda@library.ca.gov).



Tom Miller Stable in Bodie.  
[Photo courtesy Terri Gessinger]



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# California State Library staffer earns the 2006 Eckard Award

California State Library (CSL) Library Programs Consultant Ira Bray earned the 2006 Helen M. Eckard Award, an honor for innovative and exemplary use of FSCS (Federal-State Cooperative System for Public Library Data) Public Library data.



2006 Eckard winner, Ira Bray of the California State Library

Bray manages the CSL's [library statistics](#) page on the [CSL website](#). The page provides statistical information about California's public, academic, special and county law libraries. An electronic version of California Library Statistics annual publication is provided on the statistics page as well as numerous resources for other data about California's libraries.

CSL statistics describe the collections, service, financing, and staffing of each library. Libraries use this information for local planning purposes and for comparison with other libraries. Statewide, the data support budget requests and understanding of the impact of legislation affecting public libraries. The information provided is also useful to library and public policy researchers, the public, journalists and others.

The FSCS steering committee that decides upon the Eckard award includes representatives from [NCLIS](#) (The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science), [NCES](#) (The National Center for Education Statistics), CENSUS, the [American Library Association](#) and elected representatives from the [State Data Coordinators](#).

State Librarian Susan Hildreth says, "The California State Library's statistics page is an outstanding resource due largely to Ira Bray's excellent work. His award is greatly deserved."

A full description of the Eckard Award can be found at: <http://www.nclis.gov/statsurv/surveys/fscs/awardsFSCS/eckard.pdf>.

For more information about the CSL's [library statistics page](#), contact Ira Bray at (916) 653-0171 or email at [ibray@library.ca.gov](mailto:ibray@library.ca.gov).

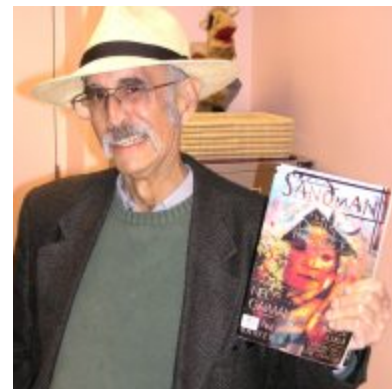
## Van Nuys Branch Librarian wins award

Young Adult Librarian at the [Van Nuys Branch](#) of the [Los Angeles Public Library](#), Peter Mann, has won the 2006 *New York Times* Librarian Award for the western region of the United States. One of 22 public library winners, Mann received \$2500 and a commemorative plaque at an awards ceremony in the executive suite of the *Times* building in New York City December 13.

A committee of national library leaders selected the award-winning librarians from nomination letters extolling the librarians' work within their local communities. Mann won the Times award because he uses library service to change the lives of Van Nuys's homeless. "The library is a way out," Mann says. "People learn marketable skills, such as how to set-up a website, by just being in the library. They learn here, and then they teach other people."

In 2005, a group of girls from a Children of the Night rescue school also nominated Mann for the *Times* award. In that year, Mann had done library outreach at the school, acquiring institutional library cards for the girls so they could use their library's services while studying for their GEDs.

Mann says he is deeply honored to have received the award, but he is not alone in helping people at risk in the Van Nuys community. "Many of my library colleagues are as worthy as I am, if not more," he says.



New York Times winner Peter Mann of Van Nuys Branch Library  
[Photo courtesy Cherrill Mann]



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# El Dorado Hills Library hailed as "Best Public Project" 2006



El Dorado Hills Library  
[Photo courtesy of El Dorado Hills Library]

The [El Dorado Hills Library](#) has won the [Sacramento Business Journal Award](#) for "Best Public Project" in 2006. The award was announced at a breakfast at the Sacramento Hyatt Regency February 9th.

The 16,000 square foot library opened in February 2006. It features an adult reading room with fireplace, a separate story time room, a young adult area, an automated circulation system, and a capacity for 60,000 volumes.

Branch Manager Susan Covington says the library's warm interior and compatibility with local architecture particularly impressed Business Journal judges. Covington says, "We feel privileged to have been given the award, but the accolades should really go to the architectural firm Murray and Downs, and to El Dorado County Architect Kathleen Beichley. Their work is breathtaking."

For more information about the El Dorado Hills Library please contact Susan Covington at 916-358-2502 or email [susan.covington@eldoradolibrary.org](mailto:susan.covington@eldoradolibrary.org).



Adult reading area in the El Dorado Hills Library.  
[Photo courtesy El Dorado Hills Library]

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Leach, two library technical assistants, an information technology specialist, and a staff analyst. "When our customers - staff, other librarians, and members of the public - seek California environmental materials, our library team is ready. Anyone can call us or use the email address in on the contact page on our website. We also welcome customers in our reference center." At the Cal/EPA library's reference center in Sacramento customers may quickly look-up directories for various environmental and government agencies, legal materials concentrating on the regulatory aspects of environmental law such as the California Code of Regulations, scientific resources such as the *Kirk Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology* and a host of other materials.

In addition to using the Cal/EPA Library for interlibrary loans, people who work in libraries will find the library's website an excellent online resource for customers researching environmental issues. The Cal/EPA Library catalogs are available [online](#) as are a list of related [links](#).

For more information about Cal/EPA Library services please contact John Hoffman at (916) 323-2257.

## California History collection highlighted, cont. from page 4

California's amazingly varied pioneers who rushed here from all points of the globe." The CSL daguerreotype of an African American miner is featured in *Blacks in the California Gold Rush* by Rudy Lapp.

## Need for historic photos comes in "waves"

Correia reports that image requests come in "waves" paralleling historical events and anniversaries. In early 2006, just before the 100th anniversary of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, Correia says the California History Section was "swamped with earthquake and fire requests." The CSL's 1906 photos appeared in dailies from the San Francisco *Chronicle* to the San Diego *Tribune* as well as in [exhibits at the California State Capitol](#), and on the [Bancroft Library commemorative website](#) of the 1906 earthquake and fire.



CSL photograph shows destruction of 1906 earthquake and fire of San Francisco.

## Reprint process protects CSL treasures

The CSL's some 130,000 images are in the California History Room's temperature controlled storage areas. Customers may view approximately 12,000 digitized images on the [picture catalog](#) or they may visit the California History Room to see thousands more images. If customers wish to have reproductions made of an image, customers can view price lists and additional information on the CSL webpage or contact the California History Room for more information at (916) 654-0176. If customers wish to use an image in a book, publication, exhibit or website, they need to request permission to use the item. Additional information is on the California History webpage at: <http://www.library.ca.gov/CalHist/index.cfm>.

For more information about purchasing reproductions or using images from the California History Room's collection please contact Kathy Correia at (916) 653-0771 or email at [kcorreia@library.ca.gov](mailto:kcorreia@library.ca.gov).





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### Temecula Public Library opens in 2nd fastest growing California city

On Thursday, December 14, 2006, the new Temecula Public Library was officially opened. The 34,000 square foot building is located in the second fastest growing city in the state with a 3,137% overall population increase between 1980-2000 and a 3,700% increase in the school population. Eighty-three percent of Temecula households have children under the age of 18. Temecula's library will offer children an environment of excitement and wonder where they can discover and enjoy books and reading. It will also provide services and resources relevant to the needs of students ages 12 to 18, and to adults in the community.

For complete details about the Temecula Public Library construction project, please visit their [page](#) on the CSL website.



Over 400 people attended the grand opening of the new Temecula Public Library.  
[Photo courtesy City of Temecula]



Ribbon cutting ceremony at the grand opening of the new Temecula Public Library. Left to right: Shawn Nelson, City Manager; Richard Hall California State Library; Mike Naggar, Councilmember; Jeff Stone, Riverside County Supervisor; Mary Ann Edwards, Councilmember; Chuck Washington, Mayor Pro-Tem; Ron Roberts, Mayor; Grace Mellman, President, Friends of the Library; Jeff Comerchero, Councilmember; Nancy Johnson, Riverside County Librarian; Barbara Tooker, Temecula School Board Member; Charlotte Fox, Community Services Commissioner. [Photo courtesy City of Temecula]

State Librarian of California Susan Hildreth and San Leandro Mayor Sheila Young share the podium at the opening of the Manor Community Branch Library.  
[Photo courtesy City of San Leandro]



### Manor Community Branch opens in San Leandro

Manor Community Branch Library, a branch of the San Leandro Public Library, opened on Saturday, December 2, 2006. The new 9,500 square foot library replaces a smaller branch and includes 30 new computers, an expanded children's area and a fireplace where families can gather and share stories. The service area has a population of 28,000 residents and nine schools, and because geographic barriers isolate the area from the

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rest of the city, the new library is seen as a "civic" gathering place in the neighborhood.

For complete details about the Manor Community Branch Library construction project, please visit their [page](#) on the California State Library website.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Manor Community Branch Library. Left to right: Library Director David Bohne, Councilmember Surlene Grant; Councilmember Tony Santos (Mayor-elect); City Manager John Jermanis; Councilmember Joyce Starosciak; Councilmember Glenda Nardine; Councilmember Sill Stephens; Chairperson Library-Historical Commission Denise Bownds Kaplan. [Photo courtesy City of San Leandro]



Mayor of Los Angeles Antonio Villaraigosa welcomes crowds at the opening day of Harbor Gateway-City Library. [Photo courtesy Gary Leonard]

## Harbor Gateway - City Library opens in Los Angeles

On Thursday, February 1, 2007, the new Harbor Gateway - City Library of the Los Angeles Public Library was officially opened. The new 14,621 square foot library is located in a community that is more racially diverse (51.84%) than California and US averages. The new library includes access to computers, homework assistance and a homework center. Teens will have a variety of programs, services and materials that focus on current interests and leisure activities while adults will have easy access to services and programs that help them find, evaluate, and use information effectively.

For complete details about the Harbor Gateway - City Library construction project, please visit their [page](#) on the California State Library website.

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Families enjoy the opening day festivities at the Harbor Gateway-City Library. [Photo courtesy City of Gary Leonard]

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### Locally funded library openings

Some California libraries have locally raised all funds for constructing or renovating library facilities in their communities. If you know of a library construction or renovation project in your area, please [email](#) CSL Connection Editor Sarah Dalton and we will include a profile of that library in an upcoming issue of *CSL Connection*.

### West Portal Branch of San Francisco Public Library reopens following two-year renovation

The [West Portal Branch](#) of the [San Francisco Public Library](#) reopened its doors on February 10 after a much-needed upgrade. San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, San Francisco Supervisor Sean Elsbernd, City Librarian Luis Herrera, and members of the community attended the celebration.

West Portal is the second branch to be renovated under the city's Branch Library Improvement Program, which is funded by a \$105.9 million bond measure passed by San Francisco voters in

November 2000. The building is now seismically safe and fully accessible. A new elevator with street entrance allows easy access for parents with children and people with disabilities. A new addition at the rear of the building includes the elevator, new public restrooms and staff work areas. Project costs totaled \$4.6 million.



Ribbon-cutting at West Portal Branch Library re-opening. Left to right: Library Commissioner Jewelle Gomez; San Francisco Supervisor Sean Elsbernd; San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom; City Librarian Luis Herrera..[Photo courtesy San Francisco Public Library]



Celebrants at West Portal Branch Library re-opening. [Photo courtesy San Francisco Public Library]

Friends of the San Francisco Public Library worked in partnership with neighborhood residents, small business owners and community leaders over the past two years to raise funds, awareness and support for the branch improvements. The West Portal Library Campaign Committee raised more than \$150,000 to pay for furnishings, fixtures and equipment at the branch—expenses not covered by the bond.

Building architects Thomas Hacker Architects Inc., of Portland, Ore. and Karin Payson Architects + Design of San Francisco took great care to preserve and restore the architectural beauty and historic character of the library. Inside the branch, ceiling stencils and woodwork were restored and lighting fixtures consistent with the building's WPA-era style were installed.

For more information about the West Portal Branch Library, please call (415) 557-4277, or visit [www.sfpl.org](http://www.sfpl.org).



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community college students.

Another CRB think tank partner, the [Communication Partnership for Science and the Sea](#) (COMPASS), presents a noontime series with CRB that features California's leading marine scientists sharing information and new findings. In the past year, COMPASS has presented seminars on the projected impact of climate change on coastal communities and marine ecosystems, the impact and use of oilrigs, and the impact of bacteria on beaches.



PPIC speakers discuss Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta policy at CRB luncheon. Left to right: Joe Grindstaff, California Bay-Delta Authority; Alf Brandt, Assembly Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife; Dr. Jay Lund, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, UC Davis; and Dr. Ellen Hanak, Director, PPIC Economy Program.

## More policy seminars on the horizon

Dean Misczynski continues to forge new relationships with research organizations. New America in California, part of the [New America Foundation](#), recently joined CRB's noontime policy seminar circuit. They have presented seminars on a citizen's assembly for political reform, prescriptions for health care reform, and the dangers of globalization. The University of California, Sacramento Center has offered policy seminars on global competitiveness, California's information technology policies, and on the changing characteristics of immigration. Stanford University has shared findings on global warming, and Hastings Law School faculty has discussed flood control policy. These policy events are getting increasingly popular...and crowded. The regulars are beginning to come early to make sure they get a seat and the caterers' famous beer bread.

For more information, or to be notified about CRB lunchtime policy seminars, please contact Dean Misczynski at [dmisczynski@library.ca.gov](mailto:dmisczynski@library.ca.gov).

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IOUCA presented their recommendations to the Portal Review Board and Steering Committee. The Steering Committee adopted the standards in July 2006. These standards together with consultation from IOUCA members helped the newly formed California eServices Office and Portal Redesign Team develop the new customer-centered state portal.

## Going Forward: Executive Steering Committee sponsors state portal

In mid-2006, Kelso formed a Steering Committee to be the executive sponsor of the state portal. The Steering Committee includes Kelso, Secretary of State and Consumer Services Marin, and State Librarian Hildreth. In addition to sponsoring the state portal, the Steering Committee oversees the development of "service centers" which bring together information from several agencies and departments so that customers need only look in one place for the information. Several service centers, such as the [California Tax Service Center](#), have already been created and many more are in development.

The Steering Committee is taking an active role in ensuring that the state portal will continue to provide an entry into state government that all can trust and that is responsive and courteous to customers' needs.

For more information about the California State Library's role in the State Portal redesign project, please contact Kristine Ogilvie in California State Library Government Publications at (916) 651-6800 or email at [kogilvie@library.ca.gov](mailto:kogilvie@library.ca.gov).



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